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MANILA FOR USDEL TO WFC

ROME FOR FODAG

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SUDANESE INVITATION TO HOST 1978 WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

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1. CHARGE HAS MADE DEMARCHE CONTAINED REF B TO YOUSIF MUKHTAR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND TO OMER BERIDO WHO UNTIL FEW DAYS AGO HEADED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS OFFICE OF MINISTRY. FORMER SAID GIVEN UN RULES, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ALLOW ISRAEL TO ATTEND, BUT LATTER SAID HE COULD NOT INDICATE ONE WAY OR ANOTHER WHAT SUDANGOV POSITION WILL BE. UNTIL NOW WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT BEEN ABLE REACH UNDER SECRETARY WHO PRESENTLY SENIOR FONMIN OFFICIAL HERE. (SEE PARA 3).

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2. COMMENT: SEVERAL KEY OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN OUT OF TOWN. AMONG THEM IS MINISTER WHO ATTENDING BILATERAL MEETINGS IN KENYA AND WILL GO DIRECTLY TO LIBREVILLE FOR OAU MINISTERIAL COUNCIL AND NOT RETURN UNTIL EARLY JULY. FRANCIS DENG, MINSTATE FONAFFS ALSO OUT OF KHARTOUM, THOUGH HE EXPECTED BACK SOON. NORMALLY HE WOULD BE BEST PERSON TO TALK WITH ON

SUBJECT AS DELICATS
FOR SUDANGOV AS POSSIBLE ISRAELI ATTEN-
DANCE AT CONFERENCE. IT APPARENT THAT BELOW TOP LEVEL GOS
NO ONE CAN SPEAK AT ALL AUTHORITATIVELY ON QUESTION
ISRAELI ATTENDANCE. AS OF NOW OUR GUESS IS THAT SUDANGOV
WILL TRY AVOID ADMITTING THAT ISRAELIS WILL BE DENIED VISAS
BUT, BARRING MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH IN MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS
BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT YEAR'S CONFERENCE, SUDAN CANNOT AS AN
ARAB COUNTRY ALLOW ISRAELIS TO COME HERE FOR WHATEVER REASON.

3. JUST PRIOR TO SENDING ABOVE, WAS ABLE DISCUSS MATTER
WITH UNDER SECRETARY HASHIM OSMAN AHMED, WHO CONFIRMED OUR
UNDERSTANDING SUDANGOV POSITION. HE SAID OFFICIAL POSITION
IS THAT IF UN MEETING IS TO BE HELD IN KHARTOUM, UN RULES
WOULD BE OBSERVED. HOWEVER, HE INFORMALLY AND PERSONALLY
OBSERVED THAT VISAS FOR ISRAEL ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD NOT
RPT NOT BE ISSUED. THUS, ONLY QUOTE SOLUTION UNQUOTE
WOULD BE FOR ISRAEL ON ITS OWN NOT RPT NOT TO SEEK TO
PARTICIPATE. I TOLD UNDER SECRETARY THAT IF DE FACTO
SUDANGOV POSITION WAS AS HE DESCRIBED IT, USG WOULD HAVE
PROBLEMS WITH THAT POSITION AND MAY NOT RPT NOT BE ABLE
ATTEND.
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